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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. Copies of these references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. I hereby certify that the items contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. The art was cited in an International Search Report dated

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September 1, 1998, for pending European Patent Application No. PCT/US98/09029. Pursuant to 37 C. F. R. § 1. 97(g) and (h), no representation is made that these references are material to patentability of the present application or that a search has been made.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of Applicant's above-referenced patent application are patentably distinguishable from these references. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker & Botts, L.L.P.

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